

## CITY DADS TALK GOOD ROADS

Iowa Man Advocates Graduated Tax System, by Which More Pay.

## DONAHUE ADDRESSES LEAGUE

Tells the Convention the Adoption of the Bertillon System in Nebraska Towns Would Be a Big Help.

The second day of the convention of the Nebraska League of Municipalities began with an address by Frank G. Pierce, secretary of the Iowa League of Municipalities, Marshalltown, Ia., on "Co-Operation in Road Building." He advocated a graduated tax system by which the state, the county, the township, the village and the farmers most directly benefitted by the construction of a road join in paying the expense of building and maintaining it. J. C. Pentzer of Lincoln led a general discussion, which followed the Iowa man's address.

Chief of Police Donahue described the use of the Bertillon system of detecting and identifying criminals and pointed out that it was of service not only in identifying criminals, but also saved innocent men from suffering from the crimes of others. Illustrating this point Chief Donahue said:

"A short time ago a man was arrested in Grand Island, answering almost exactly the description of a man giving the same name and initials who was wanted by the sheriff of Dallas, Tex. The sheriff was convinced that he was the man wanted. However, he wired me, asking that I send our Bertillon man to Grand Island to take his measurements. I immediately did so. He had the Bertillon measurements of the man wanted, and after we had taken the measurements of the man arrested we wired them to him. When he compared them they did not correspond, and the man was released."

**Omaha Has Only System.**  
"Omaha is the only city in the state of Nebraska which has the Bertillon system. I would advise that other cities throughout the state place their police departments this system. I would advise that all cities with a population of 5,000 or more adopt it as they would find it of great advantage in helping them to identify criminals arrested by the police department. I feel safe in saying that it can be placed for about \$200, including the tools for the measurements and cabinets for pictures and all the other paraphernalia."

**What Has Been Done.**  
"The Bertillon bureau has been a great help to police authorities throughout the United States and has been especially valuable to our police force. Nearly 8,000 new descriptions have been added here during the last year. 719 criminals have been identified, nearly 14,000 letters were written, aside from the corresponding of the resident governor and treasurer, and about 1,000 letters were sent to subscribers, describing criminals."

"There is also a coming addition to this system which is installed in most of the eastern cities and is known as the finger-print, which is a very good addition, and has proved successful. It has been in use in foreign countries for years and within the last five years it has been placed in most of the police departments of the large cities. We haven't that addition yet in Omaha, but I hope in the near future to have that added to our Bertillon system, which I believe will almost perfect the system of identification."

**Inspection of Boilers.**  
In a brief address on the necessity of inspecting boilers Robert U. Wolfe, boiler inspector of Omaha, closed the forenoon program. Showing that the steam boiler drives three-fourths of the wheels of commerce and that it generates the power which moves the elevators, the lifts and a thousand other things used daily by a busy people. Mr. Wolfe concluding his plea for more careful inspection of boilers said:

"The most rigid inspection at reasonable intervals by men well versed in boiler and tank construction and the best care attainable is absolutely necessary for the safety to life and property, and the officials responsible to the people for the safeguarding of their lives and property should give this subject their serious consideration."

## Graff Compliments High School Cadets

Superintendent Graff has issued a circular letter to the local teachers thanking them for their work during the State Teachers' association convention held here last week.

"My expression of gratitude to the teachers for their work last Thursday and Friday would be most incomplete," says Superintendent Graff, "did I not pass on to the high school cadets the numerous kind words of commendation which our citizens have spoken of their promptness, courtesy and general demeanor were all that could be desired."

"On behalf of the teachers, citizens and visitors in our city, I wish to thank them for their good work and manly conduct during the meet of the State Teachers' association."

Carey Act Land Opening—14,000 acres at Jerome, Idaho, December 11, 1911. This land is part of the Great North Side Tract, which has a record of THREE YEARS FROM SAGE BRUSH TO BLUE RIBBONS AND WEEPSTAKES. For all information, write or wire the Twin Falls North Side Land and Water Co., Milner, Idaho.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

William Knabe of Knabe Bros., piano manufacturers of Cincinnati, is in Omaha. He was a guest of Joseph Hayden at the Omaha club this noon.

## FREMONT MAYOR ATTENDS THE MUNICIPAL CONVENTION



GEORGE F. WOLZ, Mayor of Fremont.

## Haskell Libel Suit Against Hearst is to Be Revived Here

Suit of former Governor C. N. Haskell of Oklahoma against William R. Hearst, owner of the Hearst newspapers and magazines, and former head of the Independence league, for \$200,000 damages for libel and slander, which was started in the United States circuit court in Omaha three years ago, is to be brought to trial, according to John W. Battin, attorney for Hearst.

Within the next two weeks arguments on a demurrer and on a motion, both made by Hearst, will be made to United States Circuit Judge W. H. Munger, Mr. Battin said, and if they are overruled the trial will come within a few weeks.

"I supposed the case was to be dropped from the docket, as it is three years since it was started," said Mr. Battin, when seen at the court house, "but I have just been informed that it is not to be dropped and that Mr. Haskell proposes to go through with it."

"The demurrer is on the ground that the publications complained of are not libelous in themselves. The motion is to require the plaintiff to separate his causes of action. He alleges publication of the alleged libelous matter in seven Hearst papers. We assert that the publication in each paper is a separate cause of action, if there is any cause of action at all."

The Haskell-Hearst case started in the autumn of 1908, during the national political campaign. Hearst had organized the Independence league and was going about the country attacking the republican and democratic parties in speeches.

In speeches in Columbus, O., and Memphis, Tenn., he made such attacks and made serious charges against Mr. Haskell, then governor of Oklahoma, and a member of the democratic national committee. Haskell prepared petitions for \$500,000 libel, and sent them to several cities to be filed in any city in which service could be secured on Mr. Hearst.

When Hearst came to Omaha one of the petitions was filed in the circuit court here and service was secured, though it was necessary to break into his state-room.

## BATTLE-SCARRED BOY TURNED DOWN BY NAVY

Frank Hinch of Portland applied for enlistment at navy headquarters, but when he was given his physical examination great cuts, which in healing had left ragged scars across his chest, his body and one arm, were found. His application was rejected.

When he was turned down he told Surgeon Straetien that he had enlisted in the insurrection army in the recent Mexican revolution because of the promise of big pay and adventure, and before he had been in three engagements he received more wounds than most veterans who went through the civil war and live to tell of it.

In the battle at Jaurer Hinch was stabbed in the stomach and was in the hospital until he received his discharge, after which he went back to Oregon.

His instinct for adventure refused to allow him to rest in peace, married as he was, and as soon as he could be about he began to wander again. He drifted into Omaha last week, and while here decided that the only way he could secure peace of mind would be to enter the service of the government as a jack tar.

When told that he had failed to pass the physical examination, he was brokenhearted. Hinch, although he has seen much of the world, is only 22 years of age.

J. W. Copeland of Dayton, O., purchases a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for his boy who had a cold, and before the bottle was all used the boy's cold was gone. Is that not better than to pay a doctor's bill. For sale by all dealers.

## HUNGRY LAD TOUCHES HEARTS IN POLICE COURT

Clode Shorter, a boy of 13 years, told Judge Crawford in police court that he had been driven away from his home in Vinton, Ia., by the wrath of his father. He said he had not eaten for several days. When he told the court that he had not a penny on his person and did not have a job, Judge Crawford started a collection with a half dollar, which swelled to \$2, after which the boy was discharged and told to go eat and find a job.

## DEATH ENDS A ROMANCE

Girl Who Planned to Wed in December is Found Lifeless.

## HAD JUST WRITTEN TO LOVER

Miss Gertrude Maddaux and George T. Jones Were Childhood Sweethearts and Had Arranged for Their Wedding Day.

After writing a love message to the man to whom she was to have been married on December 1, Miss Gertrude Maddaux of 1911 Parnassus street, retired Wednesday night. This morning she was found dead in her room, which was filled with fumes that poured from an open gas jet.

The death, believed to have been accidental, ended a romance which dates back to the childhood days of Miss Maddaux and George T. Jones, a member of the Lincoln fire department. They were fondly in love with one another, and in her desire to hasten the wedding day Miss Maddaux sought employment, and was engaged as cashier at the Gilman cafe on Harney street.

Miss Maddaux was last seen about 5 o'clock, having gone to her room about that time, after her day's work was done. Having prepared to retire, it is believed that the gas was accidentally turned on after she had extinguished the light. The girl was 22 years old. Her parents live at 1329 Thirty-first street, in Lincoln.

## New Bookstack Being Installed at Public Library

Installation of the new book stack has been begun at the Omaha public library, and in consequence things are a bit torn up in the interior. There will be no interference with the issuing of books, however, and everything will be done to give patrons as quick and satisfactory service as is possible under the circumstances.

The installation of the new stack will practically double the capacity of the stack room and will greatly improve the facilities of the library for serving the public. The new work not only includes more room for books, but a stairway to second floor and a mezzanine gallery, also an electric book-lift. Because of a lack of funds, only half of the new stack is to be completed this year, but all of the necessary alterations will be completed, making it a comparatively simple matter to install the other half of the new stack next year.

## Teachers Pleased With Omaha Welcome

Manager E. V. Parrish of the publicity bureau of the Commercial club has received the following letter from Miss Edith Lathrop of Clay Center, who is president of the Nebraska Teachers' association until the newly elected officers are inaugurated.

"I wish to express to you how much pleased I was with the treatment that the teachers of Nebraska received at the hands of Omaha people. Personally I feel that the royal treatment and welcome given us added very much toward making the convention the success that it was."

"On every hand I heard teachers expressing themselves as pleased with the reception given them by the citizens of Omaha."

"Personally I wish to thank you for your splendid co-operation with the business end of the convention."

## Crushing Injuries Fatal to Laborer

Tony Buca, the laborer, who was crushed beneath the elevator in the Pasco building at Seventeenth and St. Mary's avenue Wednesday morning, died of his injuries at St. Joseph's hospital at 9 o'clock Wednesday night without having regained consciousness. His body was taken in charge by Coroner Crosby, and an inquest will be held at 9 o'clock this morning. It was ascertained by the coroner that Buca has two brothers living in this city. They are Frank and Paul.

## MONTMERCY SEES DEER IN WESTERN NEBRASKA

Fred Montmercy, assistant general freight agent of the Burlington, is back from his vacation of two weeks, spent out in western Nebraska, where he put in most of the time hunting in Dundy, Hooker, Thomas and Cherry counties. Mr. Montmercy had great sport with quail, chicken and ducks, finding an abundance of them and killing the limit nearly every day. The lakes in Cherry county, he reports alive with ducks of almost every variety and, not having been hunted to any great extent, they are not very wild.

Coming down through Thomas county on the Burlington, Mr. Montmercy saw a black tailed deer feeding out on the prairie, a short distance from the railroad track. These animals are rare, having been nearly all killed off. However, Mr. Montmercy learned that in Thomas county, on the Dismal river, there is a farmer who has a herd of thirty or forty. It is supposed that this animal was one that had strayed away from the main herd.

## ELEVATOR MAN KILLED WHEN CAUGHT BY MACHINE

Maurice Bushgous, 1114 Ohio street, an elevator operator for the Bennett company, was instantly killed yesterday morning at 11:30, when he was caught between a freight elevator and an automatic gate. His chest and sides were crushed. He was 23 years of age. Bushgous was telephoning in the receiving room and when he had finished noticed that the freight elevator was going up to the next floor. As he wanted to go up there also he made a run for the elevator and jumped for it while it was in action. He miscalculated the distance and fell backwards, to be caught by the falling automatic gate. James Carson, who was running the heavy freight apparatus, attempted to stop its motion, but did not succeed until the life had been crushed out of his fellow workman. The body was taken in charge of by Coroner Crosby, who probably will hold an inquest tomorrow afternoon.

There were no other witnesses to the accident but Carson, who said that it was Bushgous' own fault, and that he miscalculated the distance.

## Giving Home the Holiday Atmosphere

Through the continuation of our extraordinary sale of lace curtains, curtain nets and portieres to Saturday night, many homes in Omaha are being given new life for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The advantages offered to buyers in this sale, where prices have been sacrificed, in many instances, without regard for cost, are so much out of the ordinary that shoppers cannot fail to realize the wonderful magnitude of the bargain qualities. Indeed, all who have visited this sale have been so deeply impressed with the excellent quality of the goods and the bottom vicinity of the prices that they have bought without hesitation. Ask any of your friends who have been here. They will tell you that this is a sale of high class decorations and that you should buy now even though you do not need new curtains or portieres. The saving is such that you will be satisfied to hold the goods months before using them. They are ideal decorations, however, for giving home that cheer and comfort-tone so much desired for turkey and Santa Claus days.



## High Quality Lace Curtains

\$6.50 Scrim Curtains—With Persian lace, colored border; per pair	\$5.00
\$4.00 Fillet—With Persian border; per pair	\$3.00
\$3.50 Scrim Curtain—With drawn work edge; per pair	\$2.90
\$6.00 Neat Scrim Curtain—With cut-out Applique and embroidery work; per pair	\$5.00
\$6.75 Plain Scrim Curtain—With Fillet lace insertion and drawn work; per pair	\$5.25
\$7.00 White Scrim Curtain—With Fillet lace edge and insertion; fine bed room curtain	\$5.50
\$4.25 Ivory Scrim Curtains—With Cluny lace edge	\$3.50
\$6.00 White Scrim Curtains—With embroidery work and Cluny Lace edge; per pair	\$5.00
\$6.25 Ivory Color Duchess Curtain; per pair	\$5.25
\$11.50 Very Fine Duchess Lace; per pair	\$7.50
\$9.00 Ivory Duchess Lace—With wide border; per pair	\$7.75
\$12.50 Duchess Lace—With very wide border on fine lace; per pair	\$10.00

\$15.00 Duchess Curtain—With new design, extra wide border; per pair	\$12.00
\$8.25 Ecu Colored Irish Point—In new design; per pair	\$6.75
\$8.00 Irish Point Ivory—Colored; 3 pairs only, per pair	\$6.00
\$12.65 White Cluny Curtain—With wide lace and cluny blocks; 2 pairs only, per pair	\$7.50
\$6.00 White Cluny—With wide insertion and lace borders; 3 pairs only, per pair	\$4.50
\$5.50 Cluny Curtains—With lace, insertion and corner block; per pair	\$4.00
\$15.00 White Marie Antionette—With Cluny lace; per pair	\$12.00
\$3.50 Novelty Net Curtains—In Arab color with braided applique work; per pair	\$2.25
\$4.75 Novelty Net Curtains—Arabian color, good design; per pair	\$3.50
\$1.25 Novelty Curtains—Per pair	90c
\$4.75 Marie Antionette Curtains—Per pair	\$3.90
\$5.00 Novelty Curtains—With heavy applique work; per pair	\$3.25

## Lace Nets

A large assortment of Lace Nets, Bungalow and Fillet Net in all colors and patterns included. Below are listed only a few of those in the sale.

\$2.00 Lace Net—Per yard	\$1.35
\$1.35 Novelty Net—Per yard	\$1.00
\$1.25 Bungalow Net—Per yard	85c
\$1.10 Fillet Net—Per yard	75c
75c Fillet Net—Per yard	45c
65c Novelty Net—Per yard	40c
50c Novelty Net—Per yard	35c

**FRENCH BOBBINETTES SACRIFICED**—Plain French Bobbinettes in all colors, widths and qualities, worth from 35c to \$1.25 per yard, sell at prices from 25c to 75c per yard.

## Inexpensive Interior Decorating

In our department of interior decorating we have a number of experts who are prepared to study the requirements of your home in every detail, from parquet flooring to curtains, draperies, wall hangings and ceilings. We shall be glad to send one of these men, at any time, to take measurements, make suggestions and figure estimates for any or all of your decorating work.

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## SALOONIST HELD TO BLAME

Geo. Knott, Who Kills Wife, Blames Man Who Sold Her Liquor.

## BRINGS SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Defendant is Charles Sebron, Who Conducts a Saloon Near the Scene of Last April's Tragedy.

George Knott, the Union Pacific railroad switchman, who shot and killed his wife on April 29, has started suit for \$25,000 damages against Charles Sebron, a saloon keeper, blaming him for the tragedy. The suit is one of the most remarkable ever started in the district court.

Knott makes his four children—Marie, Leona, Madeline and George Knott—plaintiffs in the action and names the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance company as co-defendant.

It is alleged that Sebron, proprietor of a saloon near the Knott home at Third and William streets, sold and gave to Mrs. Marie Knott the liquor that made

her drunk; that from January 1 to April 29, 1911, he frequently sold and gave liquor to Mrs. Knott. The petition relates the story of Mrs. Knott's killing and Knott's subsequent troubles in substance as follows:

On the night of April 29 Knott met his wife in company with a drunken companion, a man, who fired a revolver at Knott. Knott discharged a shotgun at him, but killed his wife instead. He was arrested and kept in jail until July 6 and for six weeks thereafter was confined in the hospital on account of sickness contracted in jail.

Knott was tried in district court last summer and convicted of manslaughter, the jury recommending leniency. Judge Estelle, before whom the case was tried, pardoned Knott, who was suffering with dropsy. The man has recovered partially and is working.

**Death from Blood Poison**  
was prevented by G. W. Cloyd, Plunk, Mo., who healed his dangerous wound with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. 25c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

The key to success in business is the judicious and persistent use of newspaper advertising.

## THANKSGIVING DONATION DAY FOR THE OLD PEOPLE

Today will be the annual Thanksgiving donation day at the Old People's home. Saturday the board of directors will distribute paper bags through the city for generous-hearted citizens to fill with potatoes, canned goods or any sort of provisions for the old folks.

## Hunyadi Janos Natural Laxative Water

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## Winter Is Coming

Let us install our double Weather Strip on your windows. Can be put on both old and new houses. Keeps out the cold and dust. Your windows will never rattle.

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